

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 33 are pending in the application. Claims 12 through 16 and 20 through 33 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species.

Claims 1 through 7 and 17 through 19 stand rejected under § 102(b) as anticipated by Gerenraich '103. Claims 9 through 11 stand rejected under §103(a) in view of the combination of Gerenraich '103 and Lewis '145. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 through 19 are allowable over the cited art for the reasons set forth below.

The dispenser of Gerenraich '103 is fundamentally different from the dispenser set forth in independent claim 1. Claim 1 calls for the electronic self-contained liquid dispenser to include a housing defining an internal liquid reservoir. As described throughout the specification, the housing defines the integral sealed internal reservoir. As set forth on page 2, line 30 through page 3, line 1, the liquid reservoir is not a separate component from the housing, such as a cartridge or the like, that is inserted into the housing, which is precisely the type of structure illustrated and described in Gerenraich '103. As set forth in amended claim 1, a mounting assembly is configured for mounting on a supporting wall structure. The housing with the internally defined liquid reservoir is completely removable and replaceable with respect to the mounting assembly. When the housing is attached to the mounting assembly, the housing defines the front visible surface of the dispenser. This is fundamentally different from the structure of Gerenraich '103.

Referring to Figs. 1 through 3 of Gerenraich '103, it is readily seen that the housing 12 is the complete structure that is mounted to a supporting wall. The housing 12 includes a cover 14 that is hinged with respect to the base portion of the housing. The cover 14 in no way defines an internal liquid reservoir. The liquid reservoir is defined by the collapsible container 24 that is inserted into the housing 12 after the cover 14 is opened. The cover 14 forms no part of a housing that is completely removable from and replaceable relative to a separate mounting assembly. The cover 14 does not define an internal liquid reservoir, but merely is a cover that is placed around a separate liquid reservoir (the collapsible container 24).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Gerenraich '103. Claims 2 through 19 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the reasons claim 1 is allowable.

Applicant also respectfully urges the Examiner to independently reconsider the rejections of dependent claims 2 through 11 and 17 through 19 based on Gerenraich '103 alone or in combination with Lewis '145. For example, claim 2 calls for the dispensing pump mechanism to comprise a linearly slidable cylinder that is slidable within a horizontally disposed pump chamber defined within the liquid reservoir. The motor driven actuator is slidable in a horizontal path to engage and move the cylinder. This structure is completely missing from the dispenser of Gerenraich '103. Likewise, the motor driven actuator structure set forth in claim 6 is completely absent from the dispenser of Gerenraich '103. The manual initiator called for in dependent claim 17 is also not present in Gerenraich '103. Similarly, the manual actuator configured with the

dispensing pump mechanism of dependent claim 19 is not present in the dispenser of Gerenraich '103.

Accordingly, with the present Amendment, applicant respectfully submits that at least claims 1 through 19 are allowable. Claim 1 is generic to the withdrawn claims 12 through 16.


Upon indication of allowance of claims 1 through 19, claims 20 through 23 will be cancelled without prejudice thereto and may be pursued in a Divisional Application.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

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